

[CHAPTER 124]

AN ACT

For the protection of the water supply of the city of Sitka, Alaska.

March 22, 1944

[H. R. 2956]

[Public Law 262]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the tract of land hereinafter described, situated in the Territory of Alaska, is hereby reserved from all forms of location, entry, or appropriation, whether under the mineral or nonmineral land laws of the United States, and set aside as a municipal water-supply reserve for the use and benefit of the people of the city of Sitka, a municipal corporation of the Territory of Alaska, as follows, to wit: Beginning at corner numbered 1, identical with milepost 1, on line of United States Survey 1763 between corners numbered 2 and 3 thereof; thence north sixty-four degrees fifty-five minutes fifty seconds east twenty-seven and seventy one-hundredths chains to corner numbered 2 identical with corner numbered 3 of United States Survey Numbered 1763; thence following the summit of the drainage area of Cascade Creek approximately five and one-half miles to corner numbered 3; thence south ten degrees east approximately seventy chains to corner numbered 4 at diversion dam on Cascade Creek; thence south thirty degrees east approximately twenty-five chains to corner numbered 5; thence south seventy degrees east approximately eighty-three chains to corner numbered 1, the place of beginning and containing approximately three thousand two hundred and thirty-five acres.

Sitka, Alaska.
Land set aside as
municipal water-sup-
ply reserve.

Description.

Administration.

Right of munici-
pality.

Sale of timber.

Termination.

Regulations.

SEC. 2. The lands hereinbefore described and reserved for municipal water-supply purposes, which are partly within the Tongass National Forest, shall be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture, for the purpose of storing, conserving, and protecting from pollution the said water supply, and preserving, improving, and increasing the timber growth on said lands, to more fully accomplish such purposes; and to that end said municipality shall have the right, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture, to the use of any and all parts of the lands reserved for the storage and conveying of water and construction and maintenance thereon of all improvements for such purposes: *Provided*, That the merchantable timber on the land to be used by the said municipality may be sold by the Secretary of Agriculture under rules and regulations to be prescribed by him: *And provided further*, That the right to the use by the city of Sitka of the lands reserved by this Act shall terminate upon the abandonment of the use by such municipality in accordance with the terms of this Act and upon a finding of such nonuse or abandonment, for a period of two years, by the Secretary of Agriculture, whereupon the reservation created by this Act shall terminate to the extent of such lands involved.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized to prescribe and enforce such regulations as may be found necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act, including the right to forbid persons other than those authorized by him and the municipal authorities of said municipal corporation from entering or otherwise trespassing upon these lands, and any violation of this Act or of regulations issued thereunder shall be a misdemeanor and shall be punishable as is provided for in section 5050, Compiled Laws of Alaska, 1933.

SEC. 4. Nothing herein contained shall affect any valid right or claim to any part of said lands heretofore acquired under any law of the United States.

Existing right not
affected.

Act inoperative as to certain military areas.
3 CFR, Cum. Supp., 1131.

SEC. 5. This Act shall not become operative as to the lands set aside for the use of the War Department under Executive Order Numbered 9114, until such area is removed from the status of a military reservation and shall not become operative with respect to any part of the water supply reserve lying within the area reserved for military purposes until relinquishment of such area from military control, otherwise it shall become effective immediately.

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[CHAPTER 128]

AN ACT

March 24, 1944

[H. R. 3763]

[Public Law 263]

Postal Service.
Performance of postal duties after induction into armed forces.

To relieve former postal employees who performed postal duties after induction into the military service.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That notwithstanding the provisions of law relating to dual compensation, the Comptroller General of the United States is hereby authorized and directed to allow credit in the settlement of disbursing officers' accounts, and relieve certifying officers of liability, for payments made to postal employees who, after induction into the armed forces of the United States, performed postal duties while on furlough or otherwise relieved of active military duties, of the amounts to which such employees would have been legally entitled had they not been in the armed forces.

Refunds

SEC. 2. If credit is allowed in disbursing officers' accounts, in accordance with section 1 of this Act, the employee receiving the payment shall not be required to refund the amount thereof; and any such amount which has been collected from such employee because improper under dual compensation laws shall be refunded to him, or if deceased, to his legal representative.

SEC. 3. This Act shall be applicable only to services rendered prior to January 1, 1943.

Approved March 24, 1944.

[CHAPTER 129]

AN ACT

March 24, 1944

[S. 1349]

[Public Law 264]

Brooklyn Navy Yard.
Conveyance of certain lands to city of New York.

To authorize the Secretary of the Navy to convey to the city of New York certain lands within the Brooklyn Navy Yard in the city of New York.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized to transfer, under such conditions as may be approved by the said Secretary, to the city of New York, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to a parcel of land containing three-tenths of an acre, more or less, located on the westerly side of a new street between Kent Avenue and Flushing Avenue, and in and to a strip of land twenty-seven feet wide, located on the southerly side of Kent Avenue between Washington Avenue and Hewes Street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, city and State of New York, both of said parcels being within the boundaries of lands acquired for the expansion of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and metes and bounds descriptions of which are on file in the Navy Department.

Approved March 24, 1944.